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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Please see the attached communication regarding applicants' response to the restriction requirement.

Applicants' election of Group 3 with traverse (claims 14-15) is acknowledged. However, applicants have failed to elect a specie, as required by the previous Office action.

Applicants have argued that the examiner should withdraw the restriction and examine all claims. As indicated in the previous Office action, in the event that applicants had elected Group 1, and claims therein found allowable, the corresponding method-of-use claims would have been rejoined therewith. Accordingly, by electing Group 3, rather than Group 1, applicants have voluntarily relinquished the opportunity to have all claims examined. Given that applicants have voluntarily relinquished the opportunity to have all claims examined, applicants have provided a justification for the restriction.

Applicants have cited *In re Harnisch* (CCPA, 1980). However, Harnisch does not prohibit election of species, nor does *Ex parte Brouard*. Unity of invention may be found to be lacking if the claimed invention does not "define a contribution" over the prior art. The examiner asserts (without evidence at this point) that at least one of the compounds of claim 9 has been disclosed, or is rendered obvious by the prior art.

There is no MPEP citation or court decision which prohibits election of species. Election of a specific, fully defined molecule is required. The time period for response (one month) is reset pursuant to this Office action. However, failure to elect a specie in response to this Office action will result in abandonment of the application.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached at 571-272-0951. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

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